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The Trip to Nashville.

All arrangements for the trip to Nashville are complete. The special coach, *for our use exclusively*, all the way to Nashville and return, without molestation from incoming passengers or change of baggage, will be attached to the "cannon ball" train as it leaves New Orleans at 9:20 a. m. on the 11th, and can be boarded at any point where that train makes regular stops. If it does not stop at your town, take the local to the first point where it does stop. The extra sleeper will be put on at Memphis and the party run into Nashville about 7 o'clock Thursday morning refreshed from a good night's sleep, ready for breakfast and the Convention at 10 o'clock. The special coach will be almost as good as a sleeper, as it has reclining chairs.

The "Official Route" is by several hours the quickest and shortest route from Mississippi to Nashville. It also gives us a chance to see the mountains going and coming, in addition to the luxury of plenty of room all the way there and back. Remember that *we leave on the 11th*, and not some other day, our train pulling out from Jackson at 2:30 p. m. Come and go with us.

To the Messengers and Visitors Along the Valley Road.

Arrangements have been completed for our party to Nashville, to the Southern Baptist Convention. We desire all to join us who will. The party will go on the regular passenger train that leaves New Orleans at 3 p. m. Tuesday, May 10th.

This train passes Gloster at 8:20 p. m., Harrison at 9:30, Vicksburg about 11, Leland 2 a. m. Wednesday, May 11th, and reaches Memphis at 7 a. m. Wednesday, May 11. This train has sleeper and free reclining chairs and being a fast train gives fine service between New Orleans and Memphis. From Memphis our party will go over the L. & N., leaving on the 12:40 noon train on special coach having a daylight run through Tennessee and reaching Nashville at 8 p. m. Wednesday, May 11, and getting settled and a night's rest before the meetings begin on Thursday. All are invited to join our party. See that your ticket reads over the L. & N. from Memphis. We have five hours in Memphis and in that time can see much of the city. We will stop at the Gaston hotel in Memphis.

Very truly,
W. A. McComb.

Long Pastorates.

In the closing account of the Union Association as given in "The History of Missis-

sippi Baptists" I find this statement: "It has not enjoyed leading ministers of long residence. Norvell Robertson was the staff of the Pearl River Association, and Zachariah Reaves was the staff of the Old Mississippi Association. Long residence in one place, not only consolidates a minister's influence, and perpetuates his name, but also gives prominence and durability to associational life." Having been pastor of some of the churches to which Norvell Robertson ministered in his day, and having seen and felt the abiding influence of his irreproachable life and strong gospel preaching, my mind was set to thinking by the above quotation.

Long pastorates are the exception now a days. And no doubt much has been lost on account of it. For one thing ministerial restlessness would be cured or at least held in check, and it is generally believed that the cause has suffered, even fallen into reproach by the seeking age scrambling for other pastorates to get into larger fields, which may mean an increase of salary and a decrease of usefulness. Changes are sometimes best, one may do more good by going to a new field and another may hinder the work by staying after his usefulness has declined, yet there are advantages on the side of long pastorates as the rule. I will mention a few of them: It impels the preacher to study. He can't keep the attention of the same people week after week, year after year, without the student habit. The continued study leads to continual growth and the man becomes stronger than otherwise he would. Not only so, but the preacher's *dead line* is reached, not at fifty, it may be before or after, but when he ceases to dig into his Bible for fresh thoughts. He can study the peculiar needs of his field, learn what teachings to emphasize, and get a profounder understanding of human nature, which he needs to know next to his Bible.

Then the people who know his upright character and unselfish life grow in affection for him and esteem for God's ministry as the years go by. They grow in Christian character and a deeper knowledge of the doctrines of Christ. I will give you an example of what I mean: I recently had in my home for a day Bro. Franklin Polk. "Uncle Frank," a man eighty-four years old. He lives about three miles north of old Bethany church and was under the pastoral leadership of Eld. Norvell Robertson nearly forty years. He had scant opportunities for school, hence grew up very illiterate. But he heeded his instructor and searched the Scriptures to see whether these things were so. The result is, he is one of the most excellent

specimens of Christian characters it has been my privilege to know. He said to me, he thanked God that he had been well taught. And his knowledge of the doctrines of grace is truly remarkable. He is well prepared to teach young Apollos the way of the Lord more perfectly. His sight has failed him so that he can no longer read his Bible, but he dwells much on his past reading and understands many things with a deeper discernment and clearer light than ever before. So he sees the goodness of God in this. He comes as near to realizing that all things work together for good to them that love God, as any saint I have known. May great grace be upon his good grey head and the peace of God rest his trusting soul, until the angels bear his waiting Spirit home to God. I thank my Lord for the grace that can realize such a character. Yet, such are mostly found where some true man of God ministered long years to the same flock.

J. P. W.

The Baptist and Missions.

We have just sent Bro. Rowe \$235 for Home and Foreign Missions, which compares well with other churches, an increase of thirty per cent. over last year. This is not a large amount, but it was given cheerfully and intelligently, which gives strength and courage to those who are trying to teach Christians to give.

How clearly the fruits of our paper—THE BAPTIST—was seen in these offerings! Those who read the paper give and those who do not read it do not give. How we need to lay emphasis upon reading THE BAPTIST. Make it one of the agencies for doing our mission work. Reading the paper creates a desire and a zeal for missions and missionary work in the hearts of our poorest people, which was shown a few days ago in this liberality. The paper is a wonderful helper in our country churches.

Some of those who gave fifty cents to twenty-five dollars, are rejoicing with the good people of Mississippi, with our anxious State, Home and Foreign Secretaries, and editors in going beyond the \$18,000. Why rejoice? Because they have a prayerful interest in this wonderful advance movement. Feeling comes as a result of having done something.

We want to pray and write for our paper that it may be a great factor in leading men into the harvest field. We need missionaries. We need those who will give themselves to missions. Let us believe and pray that a great number may be so graciously moved upon during the Nashville Convention that they will say gladly, "Here am I, send me."

Yours truly,

A. L. O'BRIEN,

Florence, Miss.

A Plea For the Country.

It has been recognized for a long time that people leave the country to congregate in towns and cities. The poor and idle go to town to obtain an occasional job, much of their time in idleness and may be worse, making a destitute and precarious living in normal times, with want and suffering in times of epidemics and depression of business. The wealthy go to the towns for business, social pleasures, and to educate their children. Sometimes this education is not unmixed with vice. Now how can this influx to our towns at the expense of the country be remedied?

By continuing in the midst of country air and beauty, opportunities of profitable industries, prospects of advancements and delights of social intercourse with the advantages of the towns and cities. To do this will require good roads, good schools and school houses, good churches and church houses and good pastors for these churches. To get each and all of these, it is necessary that the people be aroused as to the necessity of them and of the possibility of getting them. They will never come without an effort and will surely follow an intelligent and persevering effort. The country is just now becoming conscious of the great loss and discomfort attending bad roads and they do not anything like realize to what extent we are suffering from this cause, and the great profits and comforts we would enjoy from good roads. Roads on which a drive of ten or fifteen miles would be a pleasure instead of a worry and vexation. Some of our counties are having the roads worked by contract and while it is a great deal better than the old system, yet it is a mere beginning and people should not be satisfied until the roads are in perfect condition. With perfect roads and increasing population and consequent thicker settlements our social advantages would be enhanced. The National government is considering this subject. The legislatures are beginning to see the necessity of legislating on it. We are having Good Roads Conventions which will lead to good and the subject should be agitated until success crowns our efforts.

Our country schools are being improved, our legislature has made liberal appropriation for them. With improved schools we will want better school houses. Houses that we will be proud of and in which we could have lectures by the best lecturers on the platform. We could in the country, if we had perfect roads, pay a lecturer and have him as good an audience as the average town. We should be satisfied with only schools that would qualify a boy or girl to enter the sophomore class in our colleges or lay a foundation for any occupation on which they should desire to enter. We are beginning to have a pride in our church houses and are also wanting more services from our pastors. We should not let up on this until our church buildings are equal to the best dwellings in their neighborhoods. God's house should be the best house in the community. Each church should have its pastor for all his

time and have him located in their midst and expect good pastoral work.

With these things and a strict enforcement of the late vagrant law the drain on the country by the towns would stop. A pastor to every church located in its immediate neighborhood employed for all his time, loved and revered by the community, would be a greater protection to life and prosperity than the strictest charge by the judge to grand jury. Laws would be respected and obeyed and our communities be characterized by thrift peace and harmony.

It would pay the State to borrow money (The governor says it can be had for three per cent) to build roads. It will also pay the State to make liberal appropriations for schools and school houses in the country. The enhancement in the value of prosperity and the introduction of capital would well pay for these expenditures. It would pay landed individuals to give land and means to build parsonages for our churches, in the protection of life and prosperity. Capital is easily hurt by any lawlessness or disturbances. If I could live to see these things, I would not use the language of the good old Simeon, when he beheld the infant Savior but would say Lord now let thy servant live a little longer that he may see and enjoy this thing.

W. B. KINABREW.

How's This?

I once attended a funeral. The subject was a young man whose life was immoral and full of worldliness. He was a church member, but none would have known it from his conduct. The minister said he had gone to heaven because he believed in Jesus, the proposition of which is very true if the latter is. He said also, and this is what I write to call attention to, that he had gone to heaven to receive his reward. How about this? Are there rewards for the unfaithful?

The preacher did not mean that he had gone to enter upon his inheritance, for he belongs to the ultra wing of calvinists and, of course, believes that that privilege is enjoyed, not as a reward, but as a gracious gift. Then how could he in that presence and amid those surroundings, as the messenger of the Lord, declare that this young man had gone to receive his reward?

Suppose we exercise charity enough to grant that he may have been misinformed, would that have materially altered the matter? What justification can there be for the messenger of the Lord to state as a fact what he has received second hand and does not know to be true?

Or, even grant, that it was a slip of the tongue, can there be any justification for such criminal carelessness to the servant as he would deliver the message of the Most High to perishing men?

The devil catches up these false teachings that we sometimes give to the world of carelessness cowardice or a time serving spirit, and effectively wields them to much hurt. And this is the great objection to teaching error, in any way, or under any

influence.

Some young man, a companion in debauchery with the deceased young man, might have gone from this service reflecting thus (acting through life accordingly): That man is a servant of God, sent of him to instruct us in the way of life. He's educated, he's devout, he's sympathetic, he's consecrated to his calling, he's qualified, as I never could be, to know. And he says—who simply joined the church, has gone to heaven and got his reward, so I'll join the church. I cannot reasonably object.

How important is the truth! And how important that it be carefully and clearly taught to unfortunate man. The Lord guard and guide us all relative to it.

P. H. HAMAN.

Visit to Columbus.

Though a little late, I must say something of a recent visit to Columbus. My visits to the beautiful little city have been few and far between. As far back as 1847, I was there—in the days of Maj. Thomas G. Blewett, James Whitfield, Isham Harrison, Dr. Jones and others. It was just after the pastorate of Bro. Wm. Carey Crane; Bro. C. S. McCloud was his successor.

The occasion of my late visit was the meeting there of the Tri-State Y. M. C. Association. About a hundred delegates were in attendance, and all were most hospitably entertained. Myself and L. D. Meadows, Secretary of the R. R. Y. M. C. A., of Meridian, were most graciously made to feel at home with Capt. Jno. A. Nelson and family.

Columbus is growing almost as rapidly as Meridian; it has wide shade trees; excellent sidewalks, water-works and sewerage. It has an Oil Mill and Foundry, besides securing a knitting mill, with other industries; showing great advancement along commercial lines. Reference to its handsome residences is needless; for everybody knows that it has had the lead in Mississippi. No city in the State can claim more educational facilities. Its public graded school is a good monument, but the pride is justly the I. I. & C., and which is the pride of the State. President Kincannon, and his assistants are to be congratulated upon their able management of the Institution. On two occasions I had the privilege of appearing before about 600 of the students assembled in the chapel.

A pressing call prevented me from being at the Baptist Church S. S., but Pastor Miller forgave me. I attended the public services, however, and was a slight participant in the exercises conducted by the President of the Y. M. C. A. Convention. Bro. Miller is doing faithful work, and I rejoice to notice that he has help in holding a protracted meeting of fine prospects.

And now, in conclusion, I will make a departure to give you good news from Meridian. Pastor Bosdell closed a meeting at 41st Ave., a week ago; results so far, twenty accessions. He is conducting

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services twice a day at Seventh Ave., where 42 have been received to this date. Dr. Venable is preaching for Pastor Johnson, at 15th Ave., and has very full congregations, with earnest hopes of bringing many souls to Christ. May the good work go on.

L. A. DUNCAN.

April 25, 1904.

I Want to know.

If they that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled, may not we that hunger and thirst after truth be satisfied?

I love the Christian religion above all things else, but that it may fully satisfy the soul, it must be preached and practiced in exact accord with the Bible, but owing to severe affliction and a state of long continued bad health, I have not been able to attend meetings very much for the last eight years, and having been actively engaged for sometime before, I just naturally feel that the source of my supply is cut off and I have grown very hungry and lean, but now that I am seated at the (Baptist) table I hope some good brother will gird himself and serve me.

Please remember first with—Why was Christ baptized? See BAPTIST of April under heading of Scholars Ruled Out, I would love to know just what Mr. T. Gallaher said, then, please tell me why.

As a second round you will please serve me with a pretty good dish of—Why Spend ye Money for that which is Not Bread? considered from Bro. Well's standpoint under head of The Field is the World, in BAPTIST of April 21st, as it would apply to Institutions like Masonry, or W. O. W., Insurance Companies generally that so many of our brethren are going into at so great cost in fees and dues.

It seems to me that we ought to make all of our offerings unto the Lord and do all of our organized charitable works in the church. But, and if they make their investments on the ground of getting back more than they invested, then to me it looks very much like buying a ticket in a lottery deal and should be condemned by common law much less that Divine tribunal before which church folks are tried.

Then serve a—something pleasant—something refreshing and soul satisfying like A Wonderful Salvation, A Grace So Full and Free.

And that's enough for me.

JAMES L. AAN'LD.

Mantee, Miss.

"Courage, Brother!"

Two opposing ships fought in deadly combat. As the men on board one was pouring into the other, the latter's captain, as lay he weltering in his own blood, cried to his men: "Don't give up the ship," and in desperate effort, they turned the tide and drove the enemy back; and in many an after engagement, they forged to the front at memory of the dying words of their captain.

And another set of men under fire stood as a "stone wall," evidencing their love

for, and trust in their leader and—they whipped the enemy.

Another Leader enjoins upon soldiers, fighting in another and more lofty warfare: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." In the Grecian games, the crown of flowers often incited to most earnest effort. How shall it be for the "crown of life?"

Yates reached after this, in his struggles in China. Cary also, when nothing could daunt him, or turn him from his purpose to go to India. And there have been, and are, many others of like faith. The Lord be praised!

J. E. PHILLIPS.

Fair River.

Fair River community is one of no mean repute. The Christian people there are moving on grandly in their Christian work, seemingly desirous of still higher attainment in the service of Christ. Supplementary to the efficient work of the church, is the graded school, with Prof. Bennett as principal, which throws its wholesome influence, both educational and moral over the young of the community. It has been my pleasant responsibility to serve the Fair River Church twice the beginning of this year.

Although the church had made contribution to Foreign Missions, for this conventional year before I became pastor, we decided to make another last Sunday, April 24th, to swell the amount already given. When the sermon was through, owing to the intervention of celebrating the Lord's welfare, the preacher was about to overlook the collection when one of the good deacons promptly came up and reminded him of the collection, whereupon we made the offering. This, with the former contributions, makes \$20.10 given by this church to Foreign Missions. While this isn't anything of which to be boasted, it is at the same time not to be grieved at. In the meantime we go on with good work.

Yours in the work,

F. U. BUTLER.

Clinton, Miss., April 26, 1904.

Columbus.

Since our last letter we have put two coats of paint on our house of worship, put in electric lights, stained our windows, and painted our pulpit. So you see we are making some progress along material lines. But that is not all; we have received thirteen into the church by letter: twelve of whom were received yesterday. We praise God and take courage.

Next Sunday we expect to begin our protracted meeting. Bro. E. B. Miller, of West Point, is to do the preaching, and we are praying and expecting that God will use him in strengthening the faith of the saints and in calling many sinners from the error of their way unto the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Let all who read this pray for us that we may have a great meeting.

Our Sunday-school is getting along along nicely. We have about forty in regular attendance. Our superintendent, Bro.

B. N. Love, is one of the most faithful we have ever met. Rain or shine, he is there, and there to serve. Last Sunday night was a week ago the school gave five dollars to Foreign Missions. Our church gave fourteen dollars to State Missions the first quarter.

Bro. P. T. Hale, of Owensboro, Ky., is in the midst of a splendid good meeting with Bro. A. J. Miller, of the First Church, this city.

Yours for service,

A. T. CAMP.

Information for Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is not possible to guarantee any more definite reservations of rooms at the Maxwell House. The Manager, however, has a reserved list on which he will enter the names of those whom he will place, if possible, in the order of their applications, after they arrive. He will do his best for them in this matter.

Reservations may yet be made at the Duncan Hotel, and the Tulane Hotel at \$2.50 rate (American plan). Reservations may also be made at the Commercial and Arlington Hotels at the rate of \$1.25 for single rooms, and \$1 per day if more than one is placed in a room (American Plan).

There are a considerable number of good boarding houses where board can be had at the rate of \$1 to 1.50 per day.

We are anxious for all delegates to communicate with us as soon as possible in reference to their place of entertainment so that we can locate them comfortably and also that we may know whether we must provide more places of entertainment.

The Committee on Entertainment from Wednesday, May 11th, will be located in the Chapel of the First Baptist Church, corner of Broad and Vine Streets., three squares east of the Union Station.

Baggage Agents wearing badges will be on all incoming trains. Checks for baggage should be surrendered to these agents. A special office for the Railroad and Baggage Committee will be located at the Union Station.

Address all communications to Lansing Burrows, D. D., 118 N. Spruce St., Nashville, Tenn.

T. B. RAY, Sec'y.

Leland.

We have just closed a meeting with the Arcola church Bro. W. A. Borum of Greenville, was with us five days and his ministry was a great blessing to the church and community. We only wished he could have remained longer. Five were added to the church, three being by baptism. Others intended, and we are hoping they may soon come into the church.

This church, though small in membership, is a noble band. Their collection recently for Foreign Missions averaged about two dollars per member.

Fraternally,

E. T. BOBBERLY.

The Religious Situation in America.

BY URBAIN GOHIER.

[Our readers need no introduction to the sprightly M. Gohier, the famous French Dreyfusard and author of "The Army Against the Nation." The following article is to be a portion of a book on the American People that the author will shortly publish in France. He collected his material during an extensive trip last summer and autumn—*Editor of Independent*].

Religion in the United States is certainly in evidence. In railway trains, in electric trains, on steamboats and in restaurants the eye falls upon the pious text, posted between the bills of department stores and investment agents. In the crowded districts of every large town are to be found city missions; their rooms adorned with religious devices, offer free sermons for the evening long, in competition with the saloons and low-class music halls of the neighborhood; respectable and well-dressed women preside at the organ and lead the singing of hymns; people of every condition, shop-people, the poorest day-laborers, push their way in, join in the singing, and listen seriously to a half hour's preaching. In the hospitals a patient's religion is noted on his bulletin card, and the direction is posted that in event of a dangerous turn the clergyman should be summoned. The idea of a man without any religion at all never enters the American mind—at least not the official mind.

Having once conceded this prevalence of religion, however, one finds the greatest latitude in its practice. The United States is the land of tolerance. Every man may avow his own religion, or found a new one, if that suits him better. Up to the present all live at peace with a spirit of fraternity truly surprising. In the hospitals where I saw clerical attendance provided for the sick, one chapel served for all denominations. At the universities, likewise, one chapel serves for all. In the Quadrangle of the University of Chicago I have heard sermons not only from every Protestant sect, but even from a Catholic prelate, the Bishop of Peoria, whose sermon, following an opening service that was a veritable medley, came between an Anglican and a Lutheran hymn.

A sincere and active religious faith is hardly possible without fanaticism. A man who is certain that the divine truth is in his possession feels it an imperative duty to impart it to his fellows by grace or by force, and to treat as impious outcasts those who oppose his efforts. Absolute toleration presupposes a large dose of skepticism, a great lukewarmness of faith. The ministers of the numerous Protestant sects can tell, perhaps, wherein their *credo* differs from that of their neighbor; their faithful followers rarely can. Those whom I have questioned have never been able to draw the nice distinctions which separate their respective sects.

The Catholic question in the United States is one of extreme interest. Within a few years it will be the Catholic peril. When one expresses this opinion to an

American Protestant he laughs loudly, shrugs his shoulders, and pooh poohs with hearty contempt. He answers that the Catholics of his country are animated by a genuinely republican spirit, they have no religious fanaticism, that they are a petty minority with neither the purposes nor the power to trouble American society. Very well. The following statements will be judged idle by the American public, but they will interest the French public, which has been instructed by experience:

The Roman Catholic Church, which in the United States numbered 4,500 communicants in 1790, today numbers 12,000, or more. The total population of the country is twenty times more than at that epoch; the Catholic population, three hundred times more numerous. To this we must add 6,500,000 of Catholics in the Philippines, and 1,000,000 in Porto Rico, the territory of the Republic maintains one cardinal, 17 archbishops, 81 bishops; administering 82 dioceses and 5 apostolic curateships, almost 11,000 churches, more than 5,000 chapels with 12,500 officiating priests. There are 81 Catholic seminaries, 163 colleges for boys, 629 colleges for girls, 3,400 parochial schools, 250 orphanages and nearly 1,000 other various institutions. Finally, the United States alone sends more Peter's pence to Rome than all the Catholic countries together.

Two incidents within a short interval may have opened the eyes of American citizens, here and there, to the Catholic question: the situation in the Philippines and the Pennsylvania strike.

We have already noted that while the Protestant clergy were divided in their partisanship between the strikers and the operators, the Catholic clergy went solidly for the strikers. Its attitude and policy was directly contrary to that which it holds in Europe, except that it was the essential Catholic policy of playing for favor. In the United States the Catholic population is in the lowest stratum of society, comprising Irish, Polish and Italian immigration of the pauper class, besides a large influx of Canadians, who are as absolutely submissive to their priests as their forefathers of the seventeenth century. Under these conditions the politics of the Catholic church is and will continue to be that of demagogues. In the case of the recent strike it is to be remarked that John Mitchell, "the Bonaparte of the miners," is a Catholic, the son of an Irish Catholic, and his oldest son is being educated for the Catholic priesthood, that the Federation of Catholic societies of the United States petitioned President Roosevelt to end the strike; and that on the request from the operators that a clergyman be included in the Arbitration Committee, the President chose a Catholic bishop.

The question of the status of the friars in the Philippines gave a striking illustration of the changed position of the United States. In 1776 the Government in its infancy forbade the Pope the nomination of a single prelate, and refused to make any kind of recognition of the Holy See.

Today the outcome of the Philippine issue is that the Pope has the official nomination of 100 prelacies within American territory, with the added triumph of having received American Ambassadors at the Vatican. The mission of Governor Taft, it is true, was represented by the Government at Washington as without any official character, but this flimsy hooding of the facts cannot bear examination. As *The Independent* observed, Judge Taft was equipped with credentials and empowered to negotiate with the Vatican as formerly and completely as any other Ambassador. The conduct of Catholic leaders in America at the beginning of the agitation against the friars was insignificant. Archbishop Ireland counseled prudence and forbearance as the course for the church, lest public apprehensions should be roused by a revelation of the power of the Catholic community now solid and formidable in the American nation. His counsels, however, were not adopted by the Federation of Catholic Societies then in convention at Chicago. Bishop Faul, of Trenton, led in a bold arraignment of the American administration in the Philippines, declaring that it had been animated by Protestant fanaticism, and calling on the President to do his duty under the constitution and secure personal rights and property—to the friars—in the Philippines. This means that Catholicism in the United States feels itself sufficiently powerful to lay aside diplomacy.

The power and success of the Catholic church are apparent to discerning eyes in every part of America. The public press, for example, carefully tempers its news and its views in deference to its patronage. In most of the larger towns the Catholic youth are not only united in special societies and clubs, but even in military organizations. The church even derives profit from the American weakness for marrying foreign titles by introducing young Catholic aristocrats into the society of millionaires, and she is often rewarded not only by gaining control of great dowries, but even by gaining fair converts who embrace the ancient faith for the pleasure of being married by a bishop or cardinal amidst the theatrical and mediæval pomp of Rome. The Catholics, it is true, are a minority; but they are a minority that is homogeneous, organized and disciplined. They form a solid block in the midst of a heap of crumbling Protestant fragments. They are, it is true, the lowest element of the nation; but under universal suffrage the vote of a brute is worth that of a Newton. When there shall be an army of fifteen or twenty millions of Catholics, firmly united by a tyrannical faith, trained under the *regime* of the confessional, blindly committed to the will of their priests, and directed by the brains of a few high Jesuits, we shall see how much of a showing there will be for American liberty.—*Western Recorder*.

The Friend of Friends.

Every true Christian has had enough experience to know that there is no friend "like the lowly Jesus"—that if we trust

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Him and do His will He will always befriend us in times of trouble. "It may not be your way, it may not be my way, but still in His own way, the Lord will provide," and will aid.

We must lean upon the Everlasting Arm and not upon the Arm of flesh. What are the services of others or our own efforts unsupported by Him? With Him for our friend, "the darkest day, live till tomorrow, will have passed away."

He gives us that sweet, indescribable peace, beyond all price and beyond all human comprehension. He makes us kind to everybody and to everything; and under His heart-lifting influence we not only take advantage of the opportunities which come across our paths, to show our appreciation, but strive to pay in some feeble manner our debt of gratitude by hunting up chances.

Tithing is one way to pay the debt, and to the Christian who realizes that tithing is right and that not to tithe is wrong how little does the tenth seem, however small may be his income! And as he draws from the Lord's treasury with judgment and wisdom from On High, as occasions demand, he pays the moneyed debt and is ready to give something cheerfully, willingly. Some will give one-tenth of their income but will not give so much of their time. The latter is very important. While we consecrate our lives to the cause of Christ we should be willing to give an hour or so daily, especially for prayer, Bible reading, and to the elevation in some way of humanity. We can also visit the sick and those who have talents can use them for God's glory.

The stony heart is turned to one of flesh, and how ready is He to bear our burdens on terms that should be, to us, so easy! We often become stiff-necked, standing in our own way. How can we expect anything but a shadow, when we willfully, and contrary to His conditions for our welfare, stand in our own light, which beams down so ready to brighten our lives, if it were not excluded by our own selves! Does He, then, turn His face away from us, often, as some think? No, our provocation has to be very great for this, but we turn ourselves away from Him and His brightness and that is why we sometimes fail to receive the blessing.

His yoke is easy and His burden light, and we only need to take it up and journey on through this "Vale of Tears" with peaceful hearts, schooling ourselves as earnest students to be welcomed by loved ones gone before, in the Beautiful City of God.

(Mrs.) A. M. R.

Gloster, Miss., April 28th, 1904.

Calvary, Vicksburg.

Our meeting closed Wednesday April 27th. Bro. Bolin was with me preaching with great power. The Lord used him to do a fine work here. Sixteen were received during the meeting—fifteen for baptism. The remarkable feature of the meeting was that fourteen of those received were young men. One of these will enter college this fall

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to prepare for the work of the ministry. We have constant occasion to thank God for the many blessings He is bestowing upon us. So far we have received forty-four into the church—twenty-five for baptism. We ask to be continually remembered in the prayers of our brethren.

I want in addition to express my appreciation of the many cordial letters I have received from brethren throughout the State extending to me a warm welcome to a place in their ranks. I am especially struck with the spirit of brotherhood that seems to prevail. My heart "waxeth warm" with love for my brethren.

Calvary Church is diligent in looking after the comfort and welfare of her pastor. For the past month we have been trying to accustom ourselves to the comfort and convenience of our new home so thoughtfully and sacrificially provided for us by the Church. It is a home of which any pastor might well be proud, and this is a church that any pastor might well delight in ministering to. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

WM. J. MAHONEY.

Revival at Slidell, La.

On April 22nd, we closed an eleven days meeting at Slidell, La. Bro. John P. Culp of Lumberton, Miss., preached the Word with power. The congregations were large, and interest good. Many hearts were touched by the blessed Spirit, and the influence of the meeting for good was far reaching. Thirteen were received by baptism and three by letter, and there are others to follow.

It was in some respects the best meeting ever held in that town, and placed our Baptist church in a more influential position.

After the long night of toil of pastor and his people (thirteen years) the dear Lord appeared in the power of the Spirit and made bare his arm of salvation to the joy of many hearts. "Be not weary in well doing for in due season you shall reap if you faint not."

O. D. BOWEN, Pastor.

Ellisville, Miss., April 29th, 1904.

Hillman College Commencement.

Musical Recital, May 21, 1904, 8 p. m. Commencement Sermon, May 22, 1904, 11 a. m., by Rev. W. E. Ellis, of Crystal Springs.

Missionary Sermon, May 22, 1904, 8 p. m., by Rev. W. E. Ellis, of Crystal Springs. Graduating Exercises, May 23, 1904, 10:30 a. m.

Annual Reception, May 23, 1904, 8 p. m. All the friends of the College and the public generally are cordially invited to be present at these exercises.

JOHN L. JOHNSON.

Clinton, Miss., May 2, 1904.

There Are Two—Which Is You?

A while gone two preachers were seeking contributions for missions. Each had a young physician in his congregation. One had preached and was calling for the

money under the "ten dollar proposition," when he turned to the young physician and said: "Doctor, we have not heard from you yet; won't you give us ten dollars?" The Doctor answered, "Yes." He afterwards explained to a friend that the appeal was made in such a way as to make him give the ten dollars or forfeit some of his standing as a citizen, but if ever such an appeal was made again—well, he would not be imposed upon by any such religious outrage!

The other preacher finished his sermon and announced that it had been his purpose to take a collection but an afternoon appointment compelled him to omit it for the present, but if any one wanted to give he would receive it. The young Doctor of this congregation walked up and, with suppressed feeling, said: "I want to give something to spread that gospel you preached today—how much ought I to give?" It flashed into the preacher's mind that since the responsibility of "how much" was sought to be laid on him, he would fill up the measure of duty. So he said, "Claud, I think you ought to give ten dollars." "Oh, ten dollars is not enough," said the Doctor. "I ought to give fifty—put me down a hundred dollars and I will pay it!" For two years I, as chairman of the executive board of our association, have received his check for \$100, and the end is not yet—he rejoices in it.

Brother, there are two classes of givers; one under high pressure gives to maintain his social standing—the other sees in the gospel God's remedy for sin, and gives that everybody may hear it. "God loves a cheerful giver," but bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the calling of assemblies, I cannot, away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Of givers two, which is you?

Then of collectors, one shows God's boundless mercy to us, undeserving wretches, and appeals to love and loyalty to him who gave himself for our sins; the other fumes and frets and scolds and sweats; but he gets the money—and reports it. Of collectors two, which is you?

In good hope behind the Blood,

R. A. COOPER.

Pontotoc.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

Religious Reminiscence of Missionary Work On Our Gulf Coast.

During the writer's ten (10) year's work on our Gulf Coast many and varied were the religious incidents which came under his observation and which gladdened the heart of the laborer and the memory of which lingers with him to this day.

An intelligent young man who was a Catholic and belonged to a large Catholic family connection, and who was engaged to be married to a young lady who was also a Catholic of brilliant intellect and beautiful character, attended our gospel meetings and which resulted finally in his conversion to the faith of the blessed gospel. His health, which had been poor for a long time failed completely, and at the last service of the church which he was able to attend and having only ten cents left him, gave it to the cause of Christ. It was but a few days afterward when he passed away, making request that the missionary conduct his funeral service. Although his body was in the keeping of his Catholic friends, the young lady to whom he was engaged to be married would not permit the burning of candles by his remains. The grave was dug in the Catholic Cemetery beside those of his relatives who were buried there. The time arrived for his burial service at the grave a few Protestants and a large number of Catholics were in attendance. The missionary standing on consecrated ground, surrounded by the graves of those who had died in that faith, and beneath a large wooden cross, delivered a gospel sermon in place of a funeral address, in which he told the old story of Jesus and his love, and made as plain as he could the way of salvation by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The following song was then sung by the few Protestants led by the missionary:

"Guide me, Oh thou Great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren, etc."

The song was followed by a prayer and then the benediction. To the entire service the closest attention was given by the Catholic people. I heard sometime afterward those Catholic friends were most favorably impressed with the service which was so different from that to which they had been accustomed.

What was the sequel to this peculiar providence? Well, it came to pass not long afterward, that, that noble girl to whom the young man was engaged to be married, professed faith in Jesus, united with the Baptists, and there being none other to be baptized, she alone was led by the missionary out into the waters of the Gulf and buried beneath the waves, and arose therefrom to walk in newness of life. Her joy in her newly found faith and her union and association with the people of the One Lord, One faith and One baptism and her consecrated life were beautiful and helpful and glorious. God grant that when her mortal life is ended, she may awake among the blest.

O. D. BOWEN.

Ellisville, Miss., April 27th, 1904.

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He that Sleepeth May Be Awakened.

Through the love of God many things are accomplished. It hath been said that our four mile Lake Church is dead. But I want to say just here it was not dead but sleeping. Brethren the religious form is there, has been and ever will be so long as the same people live there because the Savior said "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One," and Brethren, just like the Jews of that day, we find men today. When a man takes close track in doctrine after Christ some are ready to stone him. I want to say just here, thank God that there are beginning to be some marks of the awakening of some who have been sleeping at the good old 4 mile Lake Church. We are having good congregations on each second Sunday. We have not missed any services this year. We are now having 11 o'clock preaching, dinner on the ground, song and prayer service in the afternoon and a fine interest taken in those services. Our people are paying very nicely on their pastoral salary monthly, and without having given them any fore notice, I asked for something for the Orphans and they readily raised the small amount of (\$2.60) two dollars and sixty cents, which I send today to the Home. Now this amount is small but hope it may yield an hundred fold.

Brethren, let's not let our churches alone thinking they do well when they sleep as the disciples did when they told Christ if He, Lazareth sleepeth he shall do well, but lets dig about them and ask the blessings of God upon them to help awaken them that they may come again to active service.

Brethren, pray for a continuation of awakening power to be added to our 4 mile Lake Church; pray that the right means may be used to help them to see the necessity of their letting their light shine.

Humbly yours in Christian work,
CHARLIE D. POTTS.

The So-called Weak Brother.

He is the abnormal brother, and needs hospital treatment. But he is the last man to take medicine, or treatment, when he needs it. He usually does the prescribing for others, and set things right in the world. His weakness is his strength. He certainly should not be allowed to set the standard of conduct in any community. Consideration for him which leads the strong to conform to his peculiar notions, only strengthens him in his opinions, and sends him forth triumphant because he thinks he has made a convert of a representative man, and he is seven-fold worse than before.

He needs education and discipline. He should be made to understand early, that his life is to be regulated by principles de-

veloped within himself, and not by practices observed in others. He should be taught that it is quite as possible for him to be in error respecting religious views and Christian conduct as others. He should listen to his Master saying unto him as he said unto Peter, who was watching John: "What is that to thee, follow thou me." He should also hear the same Paul, whose words have been misinterpreted concerning the weak brother, when he says: "Be not busy-bodies in other men's matters."

Parents for a time have the gentlest consideration for their children, and lend their strength to meet the weakness of childhood, but only for awhile. Ere long wise parents use discipline to develop weakness into strength, and nothing else will develop it. Ideals are established, and the standards of life are insisted upon, and through a hard struggle upward children rise to manhood and womanhood.

It is an injustice to despise the weak brother who often seems an overgrown child, wanting to be humored. It is as great an injustice to give in to him. Let him know that he must learn to stand alone, and measure up to the standard of life for himself, and that he has no more right to be offended and misguided than to offend and misguide.—Charles C. Earle, in Watchman.

The Girl Nobody Liked.

She was sure that nobody liked her. She had told herself so again and again, with a queer tightening about her heart that was like a real pain. And then she had tossed her head and set her lips in a defiant little smile. Nobody should know that she cared. Never!

It was on her eighteenth birthday that Aunt Elizabeth made a suggestion which caused the girl to open her eyes, and then to laugh a little. It was such an odd idea—so like Aunt Elizabeth!

"Then I'm to 'hold up' everybody I meet till I've said something brilliant?" she observed.

"Not exactly," and Aunt Elizabeth smiled, unruffled. "But I've noticed that you pass your acquaintances with a mere nod or a curt 'good morning.' I wish you would try the experiment of saying something pleasant to each one, unless there is some good reason against it."

"It will grow rather tiresome," said the girl, and she shrugged her shoulders.

"Try it for a week," suggested Aunt Elizabeth; and, rather to her own surprise, the girl found herself promising.

She came very near forgetting her pledge when she met Mrs. Anderson on the street the next morning. In fact, she had passed with her usual uncompromising nod when the recollection of her promise flashed into her mind. She prided herself on being a girl of her word, so she turned quickly.

"How is Jimmy today?" she said, speaking out the first thing that came into her head.

There was a good deal of detail in Mrs. Anderson's answer. Jimmy had been sick with the measles, and then had caught

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and been worse. Mrs. Anderson poured out her story as if it was a relief to find a listener, and as she talked on, that particular listener found herself more interested than she would have believed possible in Jimmy and his mother. She said that she had some old scrapbooks which Jimmy might enjoy looking over, and Mrs. Anderson flushed and thanked her with more gratitude than the slight favor seemed to warrant.

At the very next corner was Cissy Baily, and the girl wondered if her promise covered the washer-woman's daughter and people of that sort. But she did not let herself wonder very long.

"It was very kind of you to bring home the clothes so early last week, Cissy. I was in a hurry for that shirt-waist."

Cissy Baily did not know what to answer. She smiled in an embarrassed way and looked up and then down. But the girl whom nobody liked had seen something in her eyes which warmed her heart and made that one-sided conversation something to remember.

The day went by and she did not find opportunity to say anything very brilliant. She stopped Mrs. White to ask her if she would like to read the book she had just finished, and she patted little Barbara Smith's soft cheeks as she inquired if the new baby sister had grown at all. When she could think of nothing else, she said, "Hasn't this been a beautiful day?" and her earnestness rather surprised some people who had not had her opportunities for realizing that there was anything unusual about the day.

By the time the week was over, the girl whom nobody liked had learned a valuable lesson. She had found out that hearts respond to cordiality and kindness, just as the strings of one musical instrument vibrate in unison with the chord struck in another. It is not a new discovery, since long ago it was written in a certain wise book: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly," yet this is one of the truths that each person must rediscover on his own account. And the girl, who was learning to love every one, and was testing the joy of being loved, thanked God that she had not waited any longer before finding out the wonderful secret for herself—Ex.

A Church of Converted Heathen.

When the members of this little church come to the morning Sunday School they bring their Bibles and spend forty minutes in Bible study, then a ten minute prayer-meeting follows—nearly every one offering a short prayer. After this comes the morning service. During the service the members turn to different references as the pastor reads, and we are reminded of the Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were true or not. In the afternoon the pastor takes some of the young men and they go out into the neighboring villages to preach the gospel. They carry a banner upon which is written "Kirisu to Kyo Deuto Tan,"

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When they reach a good place they stop, and the pastor says a few words and calls upon the young men to testify. It is not very easy for them to do this, but after the first time they find there is so much real joy in speaking a word for Jesus that they want to speak again. Quite a number of mishingi (unbelievers) come in to the evening service besides the Christians. One man passing and seeing someone speaking comes in and sits on the front seat. Evidently he has not seen many foreigners before, because he seems to be very much interested in the one present.

Finally he loses his interest in the foreigner and fixes his eye upon the pastor and listens until his talk is finished. After a song at the close of the service the pastor comes down, speaks with this man, gives him tracts and a cordial invitation to come again. There are others present too, who are walking in darkness, and a few words are spoken to each.

The woman sitting next to the pastor's wife asks many questions. She is the daughter of a man who keeps a hotel opposite the little church. Her husband was displeased with her for some reason and sent her back home. She wishes to know why we pray to one who is dead, and is surprised to be told that our Savior, though he died, rose again and is alive forevermore.

Not a month passes without some additions to the membership of this little church.—Baptist and Reflector.

The Catholics and Baptism—Interesting Facts in Italy.

Say what we may about 1641, it is a fact beyond question that the early Catholic church practiced immersion for baptism. In Rome is to be seen the magnificent pool in which Constantine was to have been baptized. It is not said why the ceremony took place at Milan. It is a fact, however, that in this old church in Rome is the pool which the Catholics themselves say was built for the baptism of Constantine, who conquered the Pagans and presented Italy to the Pope.

But this is not the only proof of the early custom of the Catholic church; it is seen all over Italy. At Pisa is one of the oldest cathedrals in the world. Here, at the rear of the cathedral is the baptistery—a huge round structure with the pool in the centre. They say, themselves, that this was for the ancient custom of the church. They will show also the modern bowl of brass and say: "This is the modern way." They say: "The church changed the method of baptism because it was inconvenient." In Florence one is at once impressed with the same thing. Every ancient cathedral in Florence has the old baptistery, with the pool. In some, they say, the pool has been carried away by order of the Pope. The cathedral at Milan, where Constantine was immersed, differs from all other Catholic churches and they still to hold to the Bible plan of immersion, and I learn that this is the form of baptism preferred. Who doubts immer-

sion must doubt the earliest records in print and in Scripture, while he shuts his eyes entirely to the plain teaching of the book.—Rev. Len. G. Broughton.

Located at Last.

The Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress for all Denominations in Mississippi has decided to hold their big annual meeting in Natchez, Miss., August 22-28th, 1904. This is to be the greatest meeting ever held by the Negroes in Mississippi, and Natchez will be prepared for it. It has the most beautiful fair grounds in the State, with race tracts, base ball grounds, opera house, and hotel all attached. The grounds have plenty of shade, beautiful lawns, plenty of water, and beautifully lighted by electricity. The street cars run to and from the grounds in all directions and the walks and driveways are the most beautiful to behold.

Yours truly,

C. A. BUCHANAN,

Cor. Sec. Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress.

Southern Baptist Convention.

This body meets in its 49th session at Nashville on Friday, May 13th, 1904, and will therefore embrace the 3rd Sunday in May instead of the 2nd, as usual.

The Baptist Young People's Union and the American Baptist Education Society will meet Thursday May 12th, in the First Baptist Church.

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That New Committee.

Some time ago Prof. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, read a paper before a preacher's meeting in Richmond, bearing upon our duty to the Negroes. It seems that the ministers present pretty generally, if not unanimously, endorsed the paper. In this paper was the suggestion that a new committee be appointed. The general Association of Virginia took up the suggestion, and recommended that the Southern Baptist Convention, at its next session, appoint quite a large committee to look into the matter of more vigorous work among the colored people. We would not for one moment impugn the motive of either Prof. Mitchell or the General Association of Virginia. Upon first thought we felt that such a step might be wise. But the more we have thought over this confessedly difficult problem the more have we become impressed that such a step would be unwise. Leaving out of the question the manner in which the Home Board would receive this proposition to appoint a committee to do the identical work which the Home Board exists to do, the question arises as to what advantages this new committee would possess over the Home Board, which after all, is just a committee created by the Southern Baptist Convention, to look after work among the Negroes in common with other destitution in its bounds. Furthermore, as we see it, there would be the same need and justification for at least four more special committees that exist for the one proposed. So when we shall have five special committees—on the Negroes, the Indians, the Germans, the Mountain Regions and the Large Cities, then our old machinery, the Home Board will be standing idle because the work which was committed to its management has now been divided up and assigned to these five special committees. If the Home Board should continue, as it has done from its creation, to aid the Negroes, and the special committee should do the same, we shall have two bodies striv-

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ing to operate in the same territory. This, to our mind, would mean a world of perplexity and confusion, with very unsatisfactory results. We do not at this time need a multiplication of machinery, possibly less would be better, but we need a more successful operation of what we have. The advocates of the new committee reply that better results are precisely what they have in mind. This new committee could only have better results by getting more money with which to prosecute the work. And, with more money at the command of the Home Board, it could and would show us better results.

Brethren, let's not interfere with the Home Board's work. If the Convention wishes any change, let it instruct the Board what it desires done, and furnish the wherewith and the Board will execute this desire.

We can think of no advantage the special committee would possess for becoming acquainted with the situation that the Board would not also possess. On the other hand, the Board's advantages over the committee are apparent. Nor do we believe that the new committee would possess wisdom superior to that found in the Board. It would mean a multiplication of machinery and expense, with no clearly defined sphere of operation for each. In our judgment, it will be much wiser to expend our extra thought and energy in raising more money instead of more committees.

The Round Up.

Mississippi goes on record for her year's work for Foreign Missions \$18,811.00 and for Home Missions \$8,209.00, giving a total for these two objects of \$27,020.00. From some points of view these are large figures; from others they are very small. It will be seen by comparing these figures with those of last year that our State has made very commendable progress during the last twelve months.

While thousands of Baptists in the State look at these figures with no concern whatever, a few hundred look at them with deep interest, because to them the figures represent much hard work and in some cases sacrifice. It is a matter of just pride to Mississippi Baptists that our great denomination is going forward in all laudable causes. If every other State will do as well as Mississippi in comparison with what it has been doing both these boards will be rejoicing at the Convention over a nice balance in their treasuries.

There is great satisfaction and rejoicing as well as solid progress in the work when Christians do their duty. Let us begin praying and planning even before we go up to the Convention for another great year's work in the Master's cause.

Notes and Comments.

Dr. Searcy is having a good meeting. Several have already joined and interest increasing daily. Bro. J. P. Culpepper is doing the preaching.

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Pastor M. J. Derrick has recently received three additions by letter and one by baptism.

The college bath house at Clinton was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. Insurance only \$300.00.

As an advertising scheme Harris Business College is offering a few scholarships at a Big bargain. Write them.

Dr. Rowe again asks that brethren going to Convention will please send him their names. Churches that elect delegates will also please send him their names.

In addition to the heavy work in Water Valley, Pastor Robinson goes out in the Sunday afternoons and supplies the church at Big Springs. Last Sunday the Big Springs brethren gave \$22.00 for Foreign Missions.

The Baptists throughout the South will be grieved to hear of the death of Thomas H. Northen, son of our beloved Governor Northen. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Governor and his wife in their great sorrow.

We notice in one of our exchanges that the Second Church, Little Rock, has called Rev. J. T. Christian of Chicago. Bro. Christian lived here for several years and his many friends are always glad to hear from him.

We note with pleasure that Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry is doing a magnificent work at Ruston, La. The Chronicle speaks in glowing terms of his work and seems to think that the right man is in the right field. Of this fact we are quite sure.

Bishop Bratton in the Episcopal Conclave recently held in Vicksburg, was instrumental in passing a resolution opening their churches to other denominations. Bishop Bratton shows by this as by several other things that he is not a high churchman.

We notice from the Texas Baptist Herald that the First Church, Fortworth, has invited the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in that city in 1907. In 1890 this great body met with these good people and were treated royally. Fortworth, Louisville, Kansas City and Baltimore are now in nomination.

Last Lord's day after a fine service, Col. A. E. Jennings made a talk reflecting much credit upon Pastor Robinson's work, and then made a motion that the church pay the expenses of both pastor and his wife to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that a vacation be granted the pastor. There are yet in the world men of large means, large ideas and big souls. Bro. Jennings is one of them. It does not require a prophet to foresee that Bro. Robinson is going to do in the future better work even than he has done in the past.

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A card from Secretary Willingham announces the glad news that the Foreign Mission Board closed its fiscal year April 30, out of debt. This is glorious. The treasurer of our Convention Board has just deposited in the Jackson Bank the largest sum of money ever deposited at one time by Mississippi Baptists for Foreign Missions—\$11,486.63.

The Publishers of *Our Hope*, have gotten up a pamphlet exposing and warning against the insidious and unscriptural doctrines circulated under the name of "Millennial Dawn," and "Zion's Watchtower." If any pastor is in need of such literature, send to A. C. Gaebelein, New York, and any quantity he may wish will be free.

All who are interested in the foreign mission work are solicitous about the outcome of the Foreign Mission Board, whose books close on the 30th inst. And all Mississippi Baptists are anxiously awaiting the announcement of Secretary Rowe. It is not only a matter of denominational pride that we make the landing according to schedule, but the effect upon this work in the future is a great consideration.

We extend sympathy to our friend and brother, evangelist T. T. Martin, in the loss of his wife. She was with him at Lexington, where he was holding a meeting of great power. Last week she was taken ill and grew rapidly worse until the end, which came on Monday the 2nd inst. The evangelist had to leave the meeting to accompany the remains to Texas for interment. How uncertain is this life, but how sure and abiding is eternal life! Her spirit reposes in peace.

A very readable and helpful book has reached our book-table, entitled *The Growing Pastor*, by James G. K. McClure, and Publishing Co., Chicago, 138 pages, price 50 cents. It emphasizes the importance of the pastors office, calling attention to his tripartite life—the physical, the intellectual, the spiritual. It points out that the pastor must grow or recede, leaving his field to some other one. Putting together some of the statements, we judge the author to be a presbyterian minister. But whoever he is, he has some experience in the pastorate.

During the early part of the present session at Blue Mountain Female College, girls began to ask to be permitted to make cash deposits to engage places for next session. However, the management declined to receive such deposits until May 1st. The books were opened to them last Monday morning, and over a hundred were received the first day. Indications are that the remaining room in the large boarding department will be taken rapidly. This great school had to turn away this session as many pupils as it received. Certainly it has attained wonderful popularity, and the good work it is doing for the young women of our country is beyond computation.

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We take the liberty of printing the following paragraph from a letter from Rev. N. L. Clarke, Decatur:

"It is now several weeks since I received a copy of your History of the Baptists of Mississippi published by yourself and Bro. Bailey. I thank you very much and prize the work very highly. I consider it a great work you have done for the Baptist cause, especially in Mississippi. It ought to be bought and read all over the State by our people and others. Where can the work be had, or are you ready to offer the work for sale? ... I am sometimes asked where the book can be had. May God bless you in your work and give you such sale of your book that it may be profitable to you and do great good."

Lexington.

Before this letter reaches you our good Sister Martin, wife of Evangelist T. T. Martin will have reached her heavenly home. Bro. Martin came to us with his wife and little boy, Tom Tot, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April to conduct a series of meetings. On the following Tuesday night his wife became ill, but he was able to fill his appointments until Saturday morning when his wife was pronounced dangerously ill. Since then he has been at four services only, conducting what proved to be the closing service

last night. At this service he stated that he must suspend the services until Wednesday night when he hoped to resume them, but God has ordered differently. Truly this is a dark hour for our brother and for his friends, far and near who will sympathize with him in his affliction. This strong man of God knows the secret of the Lord and he shall not lack grace, comfort, wisdom and guidance.

Great and lasting good has been accomplished by our brother's preaching. Christians have been edified, and some souls have been saved. Eternity alone will reveal the full harvest. Bro. M. carries with him the hearty sympathy and prayers not only of our members but of a large circle of friends. God's blessing upon him and his motherless boy.

C. T. KINCANON.

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" Lucedale	8:43am 5:53pm
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" Leaf	9:32am 6:42pm
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" Little Creek	9:54am 7:03pm
Ar. Beaumont	10:08am 7:17pm

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Stations.	No. 1. No. 3.
Ar. Mobile	12:31pm 7:33pm
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" Lucedale	10:51am 5:53pm
" Eubank	10:40am 5:39pm
" Bexley	10:32am 5:31pm
" Merrill	10:19am 5:18pm
" Leaf	10:02am 5:01pm
" McLain	9:48am 4:45pm
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7:18pm Lv. Beaumont	Ar. 9:24am
7:34pm " " " " "	" 9:08am
7:41pm " " " " "	" 9:01am
7:49pm " " " " "	" 8:53am
8:04pm " " " " "	" 8:37am
8:13pm " " " " "	" 8:28am
8:35pm Ar. Hattiesburg	Lv. 8:07am
No. 2.	No. 3.
10:10am Lv. Beaumont	Ar. 4:23pm
10:31am " " " " "	" 4:02pm
10:51am " " " " "	" 3:42pm
11:12am " " " " "	" 3:21pm
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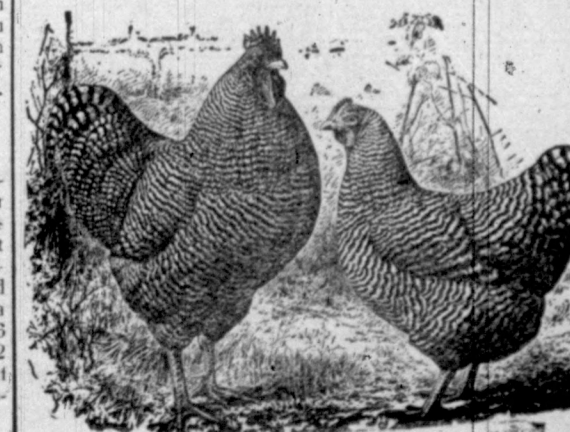
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Resolved, That we treasure the memory of her radiant life, though she was taken away so suddenly from her loved ones, we shall hold in highest esteem her example of unselfish, patient endurance.

Resolved, That we extend to the stricken husband and sorrowing children our deep sympathy and Christian love in their hours of loneliness and sorrow, and may the Comforter abide with them always.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to THE BAPTIST for publication.

MRS. E. A. DEES,
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Committee.

Religion Defined.

What a great thing it is to define things in a brief, simple and and lucid way. Prof. Ira W. Haworth of the University of Chicago gives the following definition of religion: "Religion is the effective desire to be in right relations to the power manifesting itself in the universe." Now the beauty about this definition is that a child can understand it quite as well as the average man. And it is wonderful to think how many people up to this time have had religion without knowing exactly what he had.—Word and Way.

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Formed of their lives so large a part
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The fading roses on the bier.

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But pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snow-falls on the river
A moment white—then melts forever.

—Burns.

College Tidings.

We are entering upon the last month of our session's work. Our closing exercises will begin Friday night, May 27th, and close Tuesday night May 31st. Our commencement Sermon is to be preached by Dr. A. T. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky., on Sunday, May 29th, which is the fifth Sunday in May.

Endowment payments are still coming in slowly. The Endowment year closes with June. If any of our friends delay their payments until later than June it means to the College more than the loss of the interest of their subscriptions, because the Education Society pays on July 1st, one dollar for every three we have collected since the first of last July. If payments are sent in after the first of July, therefore, the corresponding payment from the Educational Society is delayed one year.

There is no money in the Treasury for Ministerial Education and the accounts for May are still to be met. If some of the friends who have not contributed to Ministerial Education would send in their contributions, they might thereby help us to close the year free of debt.

We have had an unusually good session from almost every standpoint. We thank our many faithful friends and turn our eyes to the future with bright hopes.

Truly,

W. T. LOWREY.

Clinton, May 3, 1904.

Mr. Wesley and the Porter.

One of the most important incidents in Mr. Wesley's religious experience was a conversation with a porter of Oxford College. The man called at Mr. Wesley's

room late one evening and said that he wished to talk with the young student. After they had conversed together for awhile, Mr. Wesley, in a spirit of pleasantry, told the porter go home and get another coat. The man replied, "This is the only coat I have in the world, and I thank God for it." "Go home and get your supper," remarked Wesley. "I have had nothing today but a drink of water, and thank God for that," was the reply. "It is late and you will be locked out, and then what will you have to thank God for?" said Wesley. "I will thank Him," responded the porter, "that I have the dry stones to lie upon." "John," said Wesley, "you thank God when you have nothing to wear, nothing to eat, and no bed to lie upon. What else do you thank Him for?" "I thank Him," returned the poor fellow, "that He has given me life and being, and a heart to love Him, and a desire to serve Him." Wesley stated afterward that the interview made a lasting impression on his mind and convinced him there was something in religion to which he was a stranger.—The Western Recorder.

Noble Narrowness.

There is nothing, perhaps, in this day when there is a kind of halo about the term liberal, that the average mortal so much dreads as being thought narrow. Christ used the words broad and narrow, significantly. Liberality is often a synonym for error, or indifference to truth. It means an open mindedness to what is popular. Narrowness may be, and often is, one of the greatest of virtues. It costs less oftentimes to be broad than to be narrow. Convictions of right and wrong, firmness, and loyalty to principle—these are designated sometimes by the epithet narrow, but this is what we call noble narrowness.—Word and Way.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has just rendered an opinion with regard to the reading of the Bible in the public schools of the State, in which the ground is taken that "a public school teacher who for the purpose of quieting the pupils and preparing them for their regular studies, repeats the Lord's Prayer and the Twenty-third Psalm as a morning exercise, without comment or remark, in which none of the pupils are required to participate, is not conducting a

form of religious worship or teaching sectarian or religious doctrine." There appears to be nothing especially perilous to freedom of conscience in that decision; but doubtless our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens—at least the priestly part of them—will discover in it a terrible menace to their rights and liberties.—Examiner, New York.

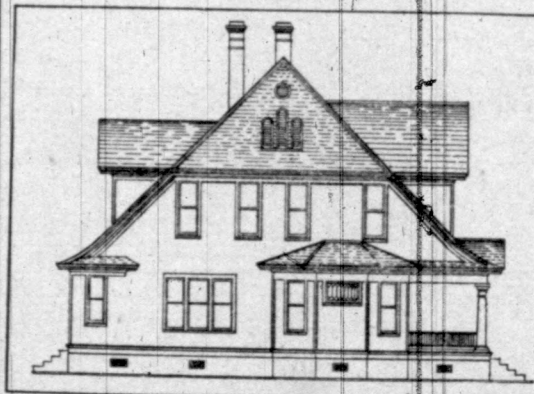
The Associated Press says that the young Mormon party forced President Smith to issue the order condemning polygamy. "The young Mormon is as full of the desire to accumulate wealth, and to win public favor as is any other young American. He knows that political honors that must be fought for on religious lines, do not carry with them the glory that comes to him who wins without such alliances. And triumph in business affairs, in face of acrimonious opposition, engendered by religious feeling, is without honor. The young Mormon would have a change and he is fighting hard to overcome the prejudices of the older men of the church.

Do not think of your faults, still less of other's faults; in every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honor that, rejoice in it and, as you can, try to imitate it. For the rest, you will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. If, on looking back, your whole life should seem rugged as a palm-tree stem, never mind, so long as it has been growing and has its grand green shade of leaves and weight of honey fruit at top.—Ruskin.

The whiskey trusts are having published in the dailies of the South a letter purporting to be written by one Gerald Homer Knight, Buffalo, March 25, to the editor of the New York Sun under the following head line: "Abolition of the Army Canteen." "A Terrible Picture of the Calamities it Has Brought to Our Soldiers." It is an appeal for the restoration of the army (canteen) saloon. It would be a hard matter to put more falsehoods in an article of two thousand words. He asserts that the liquor dealers helped the W. C. T. U. to do away with the canteen. It is astonishing that newspapers would sell their space to the liquor trust for publishing such lies.

If we would reassure our restless hearts that our future is in the hands of God, we have but to scan our past. Can any man that is not altogether blind look over the way he has traversed without surprise and awe as he sees it marked everywhere by mysterious footprints other than his own—even the footprints of the living God? We thought we were going a way of our own and all the time we have been on the King's highway.—J. E. McFayden in Western Recorder.

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